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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, TH

SUBJ: CIVAIR: NEW IATA APPROACH TO HANOI

REF: (A) 76-BANGKOK 27870 (NOTAL); (B) 76-BANGKOK 27574 (NOTAL):
(C) BANGKOK 2812 (NOTAL)

1. BANGKOK IATA REP (CUNNINGHAM-UK) INFORMED EMBOFF
FEB. 13 THAT IATA DIRECTOR GENERAL KURT HAMMARSKJOLD, WHO
LAST VISITED DRV IN OCT 1976, WILL LEAD SMALL IATA
DELEGATION TO HANOI WEEK OF FEB. 21 TO RESUME DISCUSSIONS
ON OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS FOR IATA MEMBER AIRLINES (REF. A).
CUNNINGHAM SAID THAT INASMUCH AS HAMMARSKJOLD INSISTS
MATTER BE TREATED AS "VERY CONFIDENTIAL," HE (CUNNING-
HAM) WAS NOT AT LIBERTY TO GO INTO DETAILS.

2. CUNNINGHAM DID, HOWEVER, SAY THAT FOR LACK OF TIME
HAMMARSKJOLD DOES NOT PLAN HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH LAO
AUTHORITIES, ADDING THAT HAMMARSKJOLD CONSIDERS HANOI
TO BE "KEY TO EVENTUAL OVERFLIGHT POLICY ADOPTED IN
VIENTIANE."

3. CUNNINGHAM ALSO SAID THAT HAMMARSKJOLD PLANS TO SEEK
ASSISTANCE OF ICAO IN ARRANGING FOR OVERFLIGHTS OF LAOS,
ON ASSUMPTION LPDR AS SUCCESSOR GOVERNMENT TO ROYAL
LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT MIGHT BE PERSUADED TO LIVE UP TO ITS
ICAO OBLIGATIONS.

4. COMMENT: IN ORDER NOT TO MUDDY THESE PARTICULAR
WATERS, WE HAVE NOT DISCUSSED POSSIBLE POLICY INITIATIVE
WITH BANGKOK ICAO REP (PETER ARMOUR-UK) BUT WILL DO SO IF
DEPARTMENT DESIRES. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE ICAO HAS TO DATE
PLAYED ONLY TECHNICAL ROLE RE PROPOSED NOTAM ON REACTI-
VATION OF ROUTE AMBER ONE OVER LAOS AND VIETNAM (REF. B):
REACTIVATION OF THIS ROUTE WILL, OF COURSE, PUT PAN AM
(AND CAL AND KAL) AT CONSIDERABLE COMPETITIVE
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DISADVANTAGE SINCE HANOI WILL UNDOUBTEDLY FORBID ITS
USE BY U.S., CHINESE, AND KOREAN AIRLINES.
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